

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2003-02

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An Administrative Order Directing the Acting Commissioner of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs to Provide, Free of Charge, a Burial Space for Former Mayor Maynard H. Jackson, Jr., and an Adjacent Burial Space for Valerie R. Jackson, in the event that she desires to use it, in the North Public Ground of the Oakland Cemetery, located at Block XXXX behind the Oakland Cemetery Guard House.

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta owns, maintains, and operates the Oakland Cemetery, and in that capacity offers burial spaces to members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the North Public Ground of the Oakland Cemetery is located on Block XXXX behind the Oakland Cemetery Guard House; and

WHEREAS, there are currently approximately ten graves in the North Public Ground, all of which were placed there over one hundred years ago; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta does not sell burial spaces in the North Public Ground to members of the public as the North Public Ground does not have the spatial capacity to accommodate numerous additional burial spaces; and

WHEREAS, no burials occurred in the North Public Ground for over one hundred years until the year 1995, when the City of Atlanta permitted Franklin Garrett, the official Atlanta Historian, to be buried in that area at no cost; and

WHEREAS, no burials have occurred in the North Public Ground since Franklin Garrett's burial; and

WHEREAS, former Mayor Maynard H. Jackson, Junior, passed from this life on June 22, 2003; and

WHEREAS, former Mayor Jackson served as Mayor of the City of Atlanta from 1974 through 1981 and from 1989 through 1993; and

WHEREAS, former Mayor Jackson was instrumental in creating an Atlanta that owns the world's busiest Airport; and

WHEREAS, former Mayor Jackson was instrumental in creating an Atlanta that hosted the Olympic games; and

WHEREAS, former Mayor Jackson was instrumental in creating an Atlanta that acts affirmatively to remove racial barriers in business; and

WHEREAS, former Mayor Jackson was steadfast in his love of and commitment to the City and people of Atlanta, and was one of the great leaders of the City of Atlanta in the City's history; and


WHEREAS, former Mayor Jackson has requested to be buried in the North Public Ground of the Oakland Cemetery; and

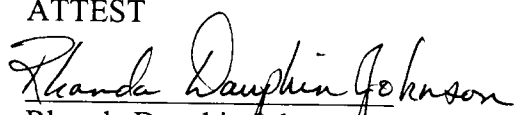
WHEREAS, Section 38-27 of the Code of Ordinances provides authority to the Commissioner of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs to adopt rules for the use and operation of all City of Atlanta owned cemeteries; and

WHEREAS, though there is little room in the North Public Ground for additional burial spaces, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs has determined that there is room available, near the grave of Franklin Garrett, to create a burial space for former Mayor Jackson and a burial space for the former Mayor's wife, in the event that she desires to be buried in that location.

NOW THEREFORE, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, pursuant to Section 3-104 of the City Charter and Section 2-182 of the Code of Ordinances, I hereby order that the Acting Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs immediately provide, free of charge, a burial space for former Mayor Maynard L. Jackson, Jr., and an adjacent burial space for Valerie R. Jackson, in the event that she desires to utilize it, in the North Public Ground of the Oakland Cemetery, located at Block XXXX behind the Oakland Cemetery Guard House.

SO ORDERED this 24 day of June, 2003.


Shirley Franklin
Mayor

ATTEST

Rhonda Dauphin Johnson
Municipal Clerk